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SUBJ: NEPAL ADVOCATES COOPERATION IN SOLVING
WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

1. FULL COLUMN EDITORIAL IN SEPTEMBER 4 EDITION OF THE SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY RISING NEPAL STATES THAT THE KEY TO BREAKING THE IMPASSE BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS OVER DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH LIES IN /COOPERATION, NOT CONFRONTATION." COMMENTING ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF "SUSPICION AND TENSION" THAT PRECEDED THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, THE EDITORIAL GOES ON TO SAY THAT UNLESS MAJOR HEADWAY IS MADE IN SETTING UP A NEW, SOCIALLY FAIRER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM THE GAP BETWEEN THE HAVE AND THE HAVE-NOT NATIONS WILL WIDEN IN A WAY THAT COULD "THREATEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY." THE OIL PRICE INCREASES BEGUN TWO YEARS AGO FOCUSED THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD ON THE INHERENT INEQUALITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND HIGHLIGHTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' DESIRES

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TO CONTROL THEIR RESOURCES, ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, BUT

ALSO DEMONSTRATED THAT THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS HAD A SIZABLE
STAKE IN MODIFYING THE SYSTEM TOO. IN THIS CONTEXT ALGERIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA'S TWO ALTERNATIVES OF COOPERATION
AND CONFRONTATION WAS "DIFFICULT TO FAULT." NOTING THE
"ELEMENT OF OVERREACTION AND HYPERBOLE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RHETORIC," THE EDITORIAL CALLS FOR STATESMANSHIP, VISION AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS. U.S. PROPOSALS "FOR A
NEW ECONOMIC ORDER" ARE SEEN TO DEMONSTRATE A WILLINGNESS TO
COOPERATE WITH THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AND ARE VIEWED AS A
"HOPEFUL SIGN." NEPAL, THE EDITORIAL COMMENTS IN CONCLUSION,
SHARES THE BASIC ATTITUDES OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, IS
"APPRECIATIVE" OF THE U.S. PROPOSALS, AND IS COMMITTED TO THE
IDEALS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

2. COMMENT. IT APPEARS THAT THE THEME OF COOPERATION RATHER
THAN CONFRONTATION IN DEALING WITH LDC ASPIRATIONS AND WORLD
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, HAS REGISTERED HERE WITH SOME EFFECT.
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